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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

THROUGH: Executive Director, NPIC
Deputy Director of Training

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of External Training
for Five DIA Employees Assigned to NPIC

1. Paragraph 7 contains a request for your approval.

2. Since the establishment of the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC), we have had the problem of arranging for approximately equal training opportunities for photo interpreters from both CIA and DIA. Employees of both organizations perform identical NPIC functions and need the same skills. Much has been accomplished through "in-house" courses, contractual training programs, "on-site" training trips, OTR internal courses and attendance at Department of Defense programs such as the Photo Interpretation Course conducted at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. Thirty to forty CIA photo interpreters annually participate in the Offutt program without reimbursement to the Department of Defense.

3. Recently NPIC was faced with the decision of cancelling two American University (AU) Off-Campus Courses because of enrollment below the minimum AU requirement. At the same time AU unexpectedly demanded that the courses, if not filled, be opened to the general public. To do this would have meant that we could not, for security reasons, conduct the courses in our building and other suggested locations were not practical.

4. In order to meet the minimum requirement of ten students per course and to insure that the course would be conducted in we opened enrollment to DIA employees assigned to the Center's Imagery Exploitation Group (IEG). Five additional students were needed and five DIA employees, all working directly with CIA counterparts in a common function, were enrolled. We felt that both the students and NPIC would benefit from this training and their enrollment with AU had to be accomplished immediately in order to salvage both of the courses.

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5. Because of the late date DIA was unable to secure DoD approval to sponsor this training although DIA agreed that it would contribute significantly to the job performance of the individuals concerned. They also expressed the desire to participate in this program in the future with their own financial resources.

6. The Office of Training (OTR) was fully informed of the initial enrollment of the DIA employees in this program and is, I believe, in sympathy with our position. However, OTR has informed us that it cannot approve the expenditure of funds for these non-Agency employees.

7. Your approval is requested for the expenditure of [] for each of the five DIA students in question [] in view of the benefits derived for the Agency and NPIC as a result of the non-cancellation of these two courses. It is not our plan to perpetuate this arrangement. Our action in this case related entirely to the emergency circumstances created by AU as a result of the abrupt last minute changes in university policy for the second semester off-campus program.

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CONCURRENCES:

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